A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR AN ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS NETWORK

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AN INTRODUCTION

The Anarchist Black Cross is an international network of autonomous groups of anarchists who work to ensure that Anarchist, class war, and other prisoners aren't forgotten.

The Anarchist Red Cross was started in Tsarist Russia to organize aid for political prisoners captured by the police, and to organize self-defense against political raids by the Cossack Army. During the Russian civil war, they changed the name to the *Black Cross* in order to avoid confusion with me Red Cross who were organizing relief in the country. After the Bolsheviks seized power the Anarchist movement moved the ABC offices to Berlin and continued to aid prisoners of the new regime ,as well as victims of Italian fascism and others. The Black Cross fell apart during the 1930's depression due to the incredible demand for its services and a decline in financial aid. But in the late 1960s the organization resurfaced in Britain, where it first worked to aid prisoners of the Spanish resistance, which had not in fact died after the civil war and was fighting the dictator Franco's police. Now it has expanded and works in many different areas, with contacts and other Black Cross groups in many countries around the world. The North American section started in the early 1980's.

The ABC hopes to bring attention to the plight of prisoners in general, psychiatric prisoners, and to Anarchist and class war prisoners in particular; and, through contact with and information about Anarchist prisoners, inspire an Anarchist resistance and support movement on the outside. Although we aren't able (except with a few exceptions) to send regular financial aid to our comrades in prison, we do keep in regular contact with as many prisoners as possible, make visits, and do whatever we can to prevent prisoners from becoming isolated. We fund-raise on behalf of prisoners or defense committees in need of funds for legal cases or otherwise, and organize demonstrations of solidarity with imprisoned Anarchists and other prisoners

We believe, as most Anarchists do, that prisons serve no useful function (except for the benefit of the ruling classes) and should be abolished along with the State. We differ from liberal prison reformists and groups like Amnesty International in two main ways: *firstly*, we believe in the abolition of both the prison system and the society which creates it, and we initiate all our actions with that in mind; *secondly,* we believe in direct resistance to achieve a stateless and classless society. Groups like Amnesty International balk at supporting anyone accused of so-called violent acts, thus insinuating that anyone who resists oppression and takes up arms in self-defense, or during a revolutionary insurrection, is not worthy of support. The message is clear: do not resist. Our message is exactly the opposite, and this is what we work to support. We share a commitment to revolutionary Anarchism as opposed to liberalism and individualism, or legalism.

Outside of prison work, the ABC's are committed to the wider resistance in which many of these prisoners are engaged. We see a real need for Anarchists to be militantly organized if we are to effectively meet the organized repression of the State and avoid defeat. What is also needed is commitment to revolutionary politics. We see the setting up of Anarchist defense organizations, such as the ABC, as a necessary part of the growth and development of an Anarchist resistance movement, not divorcing ourselves from the revolutionary struggle and then just fighting for prison reform.

As anarchists we believe in the promotion of direct action and collective organization in the workplace, the schools, the community and the streets, as a means of regaining power over our own lives and creating a society based on mutual aid and cooperation.

RAZE THE PRISONS, FREE THE PRISONERS!

-the Anarchist Black Cross Network

A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR AN ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS GROUP

Preface to the Second Edition

This pamphlet is dedicated to all those suffering in the dungeons of North America, and all those revolutionaries who have lost their lives in prison anywhere in the world. I first wrote it in 1979 in hopes that it would raise the issue of political prisoners and lead to the building of a prison support movement which could save those prisoners who followed me into the prisons of North America from a fate of *living death* like I suffered (15 years in jail), or from a violent death like *comrade* George Jackson, the Attica prisoners, scores of whom were murdered by State pigs at the orders of billionaire Governor John D. Rockefeller during the revolt at that camp in 1971; Black revolutionary Andaliwa Clark killed in New Jersey during an escape attempt; or the brutal assassination of Anarchist political prisoner Carl Harp, founder of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective in Washington State prison, who was killed in 1981.

Ojore N. Lutalo, who describes himself as a New African Anarchist political prisoner, and is confined at the New Jersey State penitentiary at Trenton, has been quoted as saying that ... *"any movement that does not support its political internees is a sham movement"*... I obviously agree with this, and it is clear that we must turn the Anarchist Black Cross into a united mass movement, instead of just a number of isolated collectives who want to help particular prisoners. As one who went through this process myself, as a political prisoner (1969-1983), I know first hand that this piecemeal suport structure will not work. What also will not work is sectarian support, and by that I mean not working with others because of ideology or refusing to support prisoners because of ideology. This is the antithesis of class war defense, and is really sellout opportunism. We must work with all those who believe in the democratic principle of class war defense, regardless of political disagreement.

Our objective is to build a mass movement strong enough to free all political prisoners, and to raze the prisons to the ground. Prisoners like Ojore rate our highest priority. We can and must free these prisoners, those imprisoned or tortured because of political beliefs or revolutionary activity. And if we had a strong movement we could free them today! This was proven in the case of the Anarchist prisoner Martin Sostre, in prison on frame-up charges in the 1960's, who was freed because of a mass movement made up of all kinds of radicals, prison supporters, and others persons of conscience.

Not all can be freed by mass movements, but most can. We must also recognize that some will have to be freed through military action. The state simply has sworn not to release some persons while they still live because they represent such a threat to state security. George Jackson was obviously one such person, but there are others still alive and in the dungeon. The Anarchist and other radical movements in North America must build an underground struggle capable of taking action like the freeing of Assata Shakur in the late 1970's, and getting those persons to safe haven. It is not easy to do this, but it must be done. Prisoners must appreciate the difficulty involved in taking such military actions, while the comrades outside must appreciate the dire threat to life of those still left inside. This is not an easy issue, it a matter of life and death on both ends of the spectrum. Such a movement cannot be built overnight, but the problem is that we are no closer to it now than when I was in prison asking the same question this group of internees have asked themselves many times: have they forgotten about me? Must I fight this battle alone? This should not be the case, but it is. Here is the deal for all to see: if our revolutionary movements outside are weak, then we cannot build a movement capable enough to free prisoners or fight for social change.

PURPOSE OF THE MOVEMENT

The stated purpose of the ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS NETWORK is to actively assist prisoners in their fight to obtain their civil and human rights, and to aid them in their struggle against the State/Class penal and judicial system. The prison system is the armed fist of the State, and is a system for State slavery. It is not really for "criminals" or other "social deviants", and it does not exist for the "protection of society".

It is for State social control and political repression. Thus it must be opposed at every turn, and ultimately destroyed altogether. The abolition of prisons, the system of Laws, and the Capitalist State is the ultimate objective of every true Anarchist, yet there seems to be no clear agreement by the Anarchist movement to put active effort to that anti-authoritarian desire. We must organize our resources to support all political/class war prisoners if we truly wish to be their ally, and we must give something more than *lip service*.

Organizing against the enemy legal and penal system is both offensive and defensive. It is carried on with individuals, groups, and among the masses in the community. We must inform the people on a large scale of the atrocities and inhumanity of the prisons, the righteousness of our struggle, and the necessity of their full and support. We must organize our communities to attack the prison system as a moral and social abomination, and we must fight to free all political/class war prisoners.

Defensive work involves meeting the needs of the prisoners: whether those needs stem from the daily oppression of the prisons, police, courts, or the intensive repression by State/Class authorities of prison organizers. The prison support group meets these needs in two primary ways: (1) by educating the community about the class/racist nature of the prisons and the legal system, and how to fight against it; (2) by forming outside support groups on a local and national basis in order to ensure prisoners' defense and survival from enemy attack and from inhuman prison conditions. There should be Anarchist Black Cross Groups all over the continent.

Offensive work means directly challenging the existence of prisons, and this work also involves actively campaigning against prison conditions, and propagandizing the actual cases of political/class war prisoners (i.e. prisoners jailed for specific political reasons and those who have become politically aware of the reasons for their oppression while in prison, as well as innocent frame-up victims) to the largest possible audience. We must do this in order to expose, embarrass, isolate, confuse, and demoralize the enemy's legal and penal system, and to win community people over to support prisoners' struggles.
Some of our protest activities include this 15 point program:

1. Organizing **Political Prisoner Defense Committees** on behalf of prisoners framed or railroaded through the Capitalist courts for their political and social beliefs or prison organizing. *For a prisoner in the hands of the State on political frame-up charges, the Defense Committee is the most effective instrument to fight for their freedom!*

2. **Holding protest rallies, marches, and street demonstrations in support of prisoners' rights, and against the repressive actions of State/Class authorities.** Such protests can be held in and around prisons, Departments of "Corrections", Courthouses (where political prisoners' cases are being tried or prisoners' rights lawsuits are being heard), at the White House, U.S. Congress, State Legislatures, Governors' Mansions, and other symbols of class rule and prisoner oppression.

3. **Writing press releases and holding news conferences for the Black, alternative, and**

radical news media (and sometimes the Capitalist news media) appearing on television and radio news and/or talk shows to discuss prisons. Priority should also be given to starting a Prisoners' newsletter or newspaper with an Anarchist focus . In fact, the old *BLACK FLAG*, formerly the organ of the anarchist Black Cross Group in London, England, (which has stopped publishing), should be started up again. (*I remember what the HAPOTOC newsletter and the Black Flag did to publicize and politicize my case when I was in prison.*)

4. Securing Anarchist and other revolutionary materials for prisoners to read, and fight for their right to receive this literature if prison officials try to ban or prohibit such literature for any reason.

5. Sending the prison officials and other State/Class authorities all over the continent a flood of telegrams, letters, and petitions about the mistreatment of prisoners, and especially political prisoners and prison activists (who are 'dangerous' in the eyes of the prison officials). Let them know that there is someone who is watching their every move and that the prisoners are not alone!

6. **Organize a TELEPHONE BRIGADE** to continually call "corrections" and other authorities about the treatment of prisoners. This is especially important if there is an enemy attack upon a political prisoner or an ongoing prison protest.

7. **Organize a Legal Defense Fund** to raise funds for legal fees and to secure the services of an attorney, where necessary, to assist prisoners with criminal or disciplinary cases growing out of their prison organizing or the harassment by prison officials .

8. **Organizing and/or participating in coalitions** with poor people's movements, prison support, Black , Women's rights, Gay, Church, Left-wing, and other diverse groups, so as to win them over and to integrate the prison struggle into the general movement for social change in North America.

9. **Assist prisoners to get parole, probation, or a pardon by securing them a place to stay, a job, some references, or names on a petition demanding their freedom when they become eligible for parole or are seeking executive clemency.** It may be necessary to hold demonstrations and other protest actions to compel the release of certain prisoners whom officials are continuing to hold even though they should have been legally released..

10. **Organize a Correspondence Committee** of people to write to prisoners and find out about prison conditions, and to show their solidarity and human concern. Also to write protest letters to prison officials, politicians, the news media, prison support groups, professional or legal organizations, and other persons, about prison conditions. Also have the ABC's to function as an Observer Committee to go into the prisons, visit the prisoners, investigate their complaints, question the officials, and monitor the prison for violation of prisoners' rights.

11. **Work against the death penalty and expose it as an instrument of racial genocide, and class and political repression.** Never forget the Haymarket martyrs and Sacco and Vanzetti, and so many others put to death "legally" by the State, as well as those like Mumia Abu Jamal, who have been sentenced to death..

12. **Expose the fallacy of the Capitalist system of cops, laws and prisons being for the protection of society or as a social necessity.** We should hold community forums on crime, the prison system, racism, and Capitalism, to expose the system itself as the crime, and to show that there is another way to social peace and harmony: the Anarchist way.

13. **Set up Black Cross Amnesty Committees all over the Continent to demand the freedom**

and amnesty of political/class war prisoners, and the abolition of prisons. Especially demand the immediate release of prisoners who have served unnecessarily lengthy sentences.

14. ***Demand the immediate closing of all Control Units in federal and state prison.*** We should have mass marches at the prisons, in front of politicians offices, and at the "corrections" offices. We should make the issue of Control Units in North American prisons an international human rights issue, and in addition work to try to free all such prisoners on a strict timetable.

15. **The outside prison support movement (and especially underground units) must be willing to engage in armed support actions,** where the lives of political/class war prisoners are in immediate jeopardy, they have been killed, or must be forcibly liberated. This is an extreme measure for extreme conditions of repression. It cannot be taken lightly and without full understanding of the consequences. But because of the State's bloody war against innocent victims it must be considered and done.

POLICY

We have to be non-sectarian when it comes to fighting for the rights and freedom of the victims of prison state slavery. Our policy must be that we will work with and for any prisoner and prison support group, if they will work in sincerity and unity with us. We do this so as to obtain the widest possible mobilization on the part of the people in support of the prison movement and the cases of political/class war prisoners. However, we will not subordinate our ideals and identity as anti-authoritarians and Anarchists to any other struggle or group. And we will not sustain attacks or make apologies for our beliefs in a Libertarian world, rather than a State Socialist or Western Imperialist one. We won't moderate our struggle or still our tongues concerning any injustice we see anywhere, in order to accommodate anyone, friend or foe.

CONCLUSION

The American State in the past has murdered and imprisoned far too many of our Anarchist comrades: Alexander Berkman, the Haymarket martyrs, IWW members (such as Joe Hill), Sacco and Vanzetti, Martin Sostre, Carl Harp and so many others. Also many Anarchist prisoners are in prison today -- such as Ojore N. Lutalo, Shaka Shakur, along with other political prisoners like those in the Black Liberation Army or formerly with Black Panther Party, like Herman Bell, Sundiata Acoli, Marshal Eddie Conway. We must organize to ensure that these comrades (and other now in prison are freed, and that further repression of our movement by State/Class rulers is prevented.

Therefore, we must talk about making the Anarchist Black Cross into a mass movement against State repression, one which can counter the drive of the State Capitalists towards a police state, along with our work in the the anti-prison struggle. We cannot free any of the prisoners without building a mass movement which links up with all those in favor of democratic rights. That is why I said we cannot engage in sectarian politics. The case of Martin Sostre in the 1970's, who although an Anarchist, did not refuse the aid of Liberals, Communists, Christians, Muslims, or anyone else who believed in the injustice of his frame-up conviction, should be a perfect example. The only reason he was freed was because of a mass ferment and agitation by a large sector of the population demanding his release. The governor of New York granted his pardon. It is political suicide for a political prisoner, and the movement which supports him or her, to take a sectarian position and refuse to work with others, even though we may vehemently disagree with them on a whole host of other issues. This is a matter of life and death, where the usual rules do not apply. The only issue here is the freedom of the prisoner. We have to work with all other political prisoner committees who will work with us.

This is not 1979, the time when I first wrote this pamphlet. There was no real ABC movement in North America like there is now. There may be fifty ABC units now worldwide. We must unite them into a powerful tendency, with its own press, political orientation, and agenda. I hope we can meet with representatives of the ABC"s in a conference sometime in 1994 to formalize the group, while not necessarily centralizing the movement. ***We need to build an ABC Federation of groups so that we can raze the prisons and free all class war prisoners.*** We can build a powerful ***international*** revolutionary prison movement, since we now have activists in many countries which agree with the ABC. Many others would join with us, if they can find out what we are doing.

The ABC Network must strike out on its own at this stage, since there is no consensus among Anarchists about prisoner support generally, and revolutionary political prisoners specifically. No one else will take up this fight in either the Left or the Anarchist movements, and the inside prison movement cannot be effective without the outside active support. The ABC's must join with the Black Cat Collective of the Black Panther movement, and with other political prisoner movements to make a mass coalition. I propose the convening of an ABC conference to unite the ABC's and discuss the building of a mass political prisoner defense movement be held in August 1994, (in a city to be named later). We will have to have a rather large conference in order to bring the forces to bear to make this a real thing. This conference also should include the other movements as both observers and participants. Some of these groups are political prisoner defense committees, and have been working on the cases of political prisoners for many years, such as those for Geronimo Pratt, Sundiata Acoli, and other political prisoners. They have been very isolated and with few resources. But there are also groups like the Communist party-dominated National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, which for years has had a questionable reputation in its dealings and with its tepid support of political prisoners, though it has tremendous resources to bear, legal and financial. Either they must support the liberation of prisoners in a real way or be exposed in the most ruthless fashion. We can no longer brook sell-out or opportunist groups in this struggle.

We can build this revolutionary ABC movement if we will but commit ourselves--both prisoners and the movement outside. There is much we both must do, this is no cakewalk and is very serious. But the alternative of doing nothing is even more dangerous: more will suffer and die. Let us make a difference in 1994 and beyond with a powerful Anarchist Black Cross Network.

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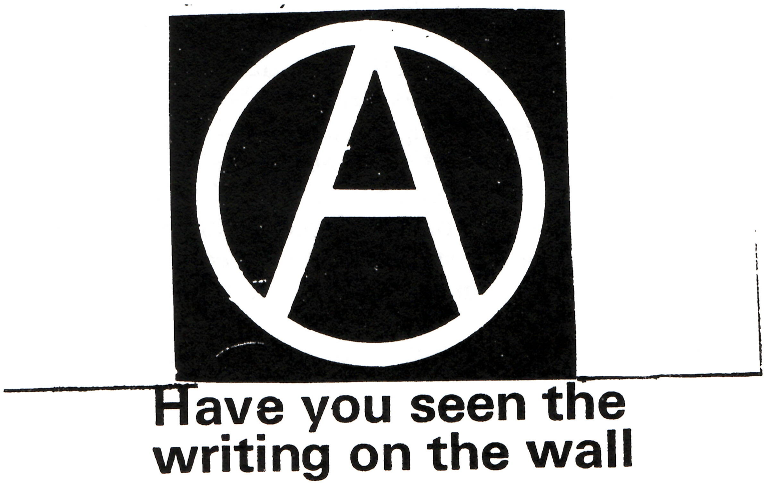
WE SHALL HAVE OUR FREEDOM, OR WE WILL LEVEL THE EARTH IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO GAIN IT!!!


Have you seen the writing on the wall

PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUPS

The following is a brief listing of groups dedicated to aiding those behind the walls, abolishing prisons or both. Some of these groups we've had contact with, and others we haven't (so not all addresses may be current. and not all groups may be worth getting involved with). This list will be updated every few months, so if you know of anybody who should be added or dropped, then please let us know.

In Struggle, NY-AYF

Antigone
P.O. Box 308
Farmington, MI 48332
(Publication of National Comm. on U.S Corrections)

The Anti-WARrior
48 Shattuck Sq.
Berkeley, CA 94704
(Support group for those resisting military service)

Breakthrough
c/o Prairie Fire
P.O. Box 14422
San Francisco, CA 94114
(Anti-imperialist, socialist journal published quarterly with a strong focus on political prisoners. Free to prisoners)

Campaign to Free Black Political Prisoners
P.O. Box 339
Bronx, NY 10463
(Just what the name says)

Crossroad Support Network
1340 W. Irving Park Ave #108
Chicago, IL 60613
(Support for imprisoned Black freedom fighters)

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown/Walkin' Steel
P.O. Box 578172
Chicago, IL 60657-8172
(Group dedicated to abolishing control unit prisons)

Convictions
P.O Box 1749
Corvallis, OR 97339-1749
(Magazine by and for prisoners)

Endeavor
P.O. Box 23511
Houston, TX 77228-3511
(Publication of/for prisoners on death row)

Free Silvia Campaign
3543 18th St. Box 30
San Francisco, CA 94110
(Support group for political prisoner Silvia Baraldini)

Intl Campaign to Free Geronimo ji Jaga (Pratt)
P.O. Box 3585
Oakland, CA 94609
(Support group for ex-Black Panther)

Journal of Prisoners on Prisons
P.O. Box 60779
University Outlet,
Edmonton T6G 2S9 Canada
(Bi-monthly magazine with discussions by former and current prisoners)

Justice Watch
932 Dayton St
Cincinnati, OH 45214
(A bi-monthly newsletter dealing with prisoners poetry, news, articles and art)

League of Lesbian and Gay Prisoners
1202 E. Pike St #1044
Seattle, WA 98122
(What the name says)

Movement Support Network/Anti-Repression Project
666 Broadway
New York, NY 10012
(Gives legal & security advice for activists and prisoners)

National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners-of-War
P.O. Box 476698
Chicago, IL 60647
(Helps prisoners imprisoned fighting for Puerto Rican independence from the U.S.)

Native American Prisoners Rehabilitation Project/Iron Horse Drum
2848 Paddock Lane
Villa Hills, KY 41017

Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee
473 Jackson St. 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111
(Support campaign for political prisoner)

Nuclear Resister
P.O. Box 43383
Tucson, AZ 85733
(Magazine supporting imprisoned anti-nuclear activists)

Odyssey
P.O. Box 14
Dedham, MA 02026
(Quarterly magazine edited by former prisoner of the U.S. penal system)

Out of Control
3543 18th St. Box 30
San Francisco, CA 94110
(Lesbians supporting women political prisoners)

Partisan Defense Committee
P.O. Box 99
Canal St. Sta
NYC 10013
(Prison support group of socialist group Spartacist League. Do good work, but approach with caution)

Political Prisoner Project
1218 Jackson St.
San Francisco, CA 94109
(ex-political prisoners supporting current political prisoners)

Prison Project Journal
1875 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009
(the quarterly magazine of the American Civil Liberties Union's prison project)

Prisoner's Legal News
P.O. Box 1684
Lake Worth, FL 33460
(A newsletter by and for prisoners)

P.W.A. Rag
P.O. Box 2161
Jonesboro, GA 30237
(Prisoners-With-AIDS advocacy group)

Queers United in Support of Political Prisoners
P.O. Box 282, NYC 10025
(212) 969-8598
(Gays & Lesbians supporting prisoners)

Research Committee on Intl Law & Black Freedom Fighters
P.O. Box 2085, Manhattan Sta
New York, NY 10027

Robeson Defense Committee
P.O. Box 1389
Pembroke, NC 28372
(Support Committee for political prisoner Eddie Hatcher)

Saxifrage Group
P.O. Box 18717
Denver, CO 80218
(collective which does prisoners support work)

Spirit of Crazy Horse/Leonard Peltier Support Group
P.O. Box 583
Lawrence, KS 66044
(Group supporting American Indian activist Leonard Peltier)

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People Organized to Stop
Rape of Imprisoned
Persons P.O. Box 632
Ft Bragg CA 95437
(A group dedicated to supporting prisoners who have been raped, and working to make prison rape cease)

Prison News Service
P.O. Box 5052 Sta A
Toronto, ONT M5W 1W4
Canada
(Monthly paper on the struggle of those behind bars. Probably the best prisoner support paper in the world)

U.S.A.-A Look at Reality
Quixote Center
P.O. Box 5206
Hyattsville, MD 20782
(Bi-monthly tabloid human rights monitor dedicated to U.S. injustice system)

Washington Coalition to
Abolish the Death Penalty
705 2nd Ave. Suite 300
Seattle WA 98104
(Publish a newsletter by the same name)

BOOKS FOR PRISONERS PROGRAMS

These groups provide free books to prisoners. As with all prisoner support groups, they are always desperately in need of donations.

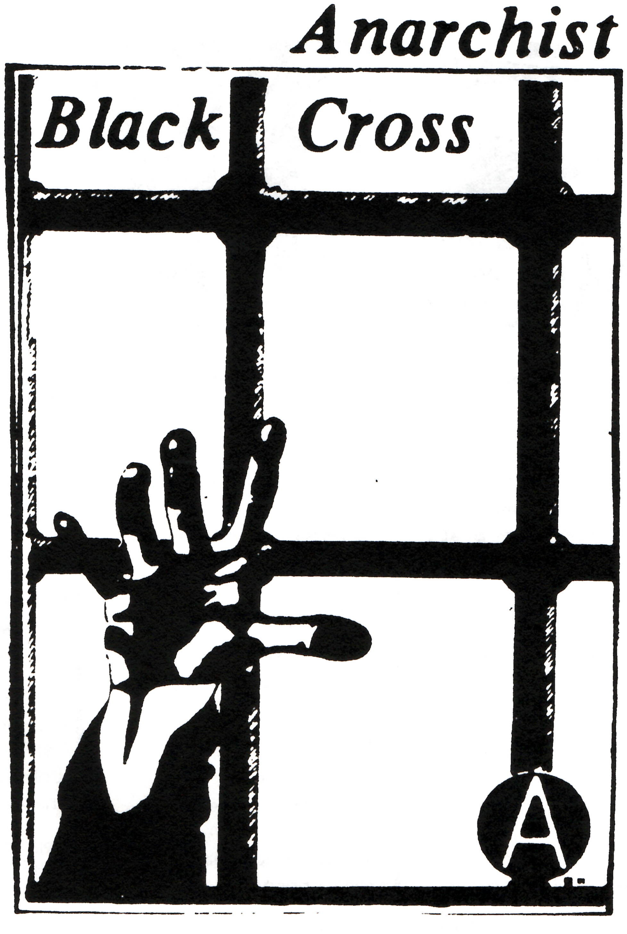
Books To Prisoners
Box A, 92 Pike St.
Seattle, WA 98101

Gay Community News
Prison Project
c/o Mike Riegle
62 Berkeley St
Boston, MA 02146

Prison Book Program
92 Green St
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Prisoners Lit. Program c/o
Bound Together Books
1369 Haight St
San Francisco, CA 94117

The Real Dragon
P.O. Box 3294
Berkeley, CA 94703-9901



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Kingston, ONT.
K7L 3W3 Canada

ABC Latino-Americano
P.O. Box 45-1208
Miami, FL 33245
(Publish "@-Mayor")

ABC Minneapolis
P.O. Box 581354
Minneapolis, MN 55408-1354

ABC San Lorenzo
P.O. Box 215
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

ABC Vancouver
P.O. Box 2881
Vancouver, BC
V6B 3X4 Canada

Bayou La Rose
P.O. Box 5464
Tacoma, WA 98415-0464
(Excellent anarchist publication with strong prisoners support focus)

Bulldozer
P.O. Box 5052 Stn A
Toronto, ONT
M5W 1W4 Canada
(collective which publishes Prison News Service)

Friends of Liberty
P.O Box 95686
Seattle, WA 98145-2686
(a prisoners support collective)

Harold Thompson Support Campaign/Brooklyn ABC
c/o NY-AYF
P.O. Box 365
Canal St. Sta.
NYC 10013-0365
(Support campaign for anti-authoritarian prisoner H. Thompson)

Love & Rage
P.O. Box 3
Prince St. St
NYC 10012
(Bi-monthly autonomist paper with an ABC page. Free to prisoners)

Prisoners Anarchist Network at Large /Five Star Press
P.O. Box 4167
Halfmoon, NY 12065

Project 1313
P.O. Box 1313
Lawrence, KS 66044

Wimmin's Prisoner Survival Network
P.O. Box 770, Stn. P
Toronto, ONT
M5S 2X1 Canada

INTERNATIONAL ABC CONTACTS

ABC-Melbourne/Black & Blue
P.O. Box 257
Collingwood
3066 Australia
(Publication of ABC Melbourne)

Bulldozer/Sorte Kors(Black Cross)
c/o Peter Bach
Strandvejen 93
DK-4200 Slagelse
Denmark
(Publication of ABC Denmark)

ABC Finland
c/o S. Kauppinen
Kauppilamaentie 13A 2.79100
Lepauirta
Finland

ABC Athens
8 Aristidou Str.
Athens 10559
Greece

ABC Belfast
P.O. Box 148
Belfast
N. Ireland

ABC Derry
c/o Organise
P.O. Box 5
Derry BT48 6PD
N. Ireland

Edinburgh ABC
c/o Shrinking
P.O. Box 610
Edinburgh EH15 1UG
Scotland, UK

ABC/Black Flag
BM Hurricane
London WC1N 3XX
United Kingdom
(Journal of ABC-UK)

ABC-Leeds
Box Jag
52 Call Lane
Leeds LS1 6DT
(Publish "Poetry of the Class War")

London ABC
c/o 121 Railton Rd.
London SE24
United Kingdom
(Publish "ABC Bulletin". Send for a complete list of UK ABC groups)

ABC-Northern UK/Taking Liberties
P.O. Box 446
Sheffield
South Yorks
United Kingdom
(Newsletter of Northern UK ABC network)

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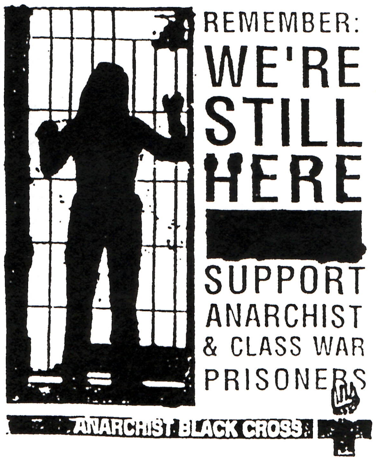

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Anarchist Black Cross and Other Prisoner Support Groups

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Baltimore, MD 21213

ABC Chicago
c/o WCF
P.O. Box 81961
Chicago, IL 60681

Nightcrawler ABC
PO Box 20181 Tompkins Sq. Station
NY, NY 10009

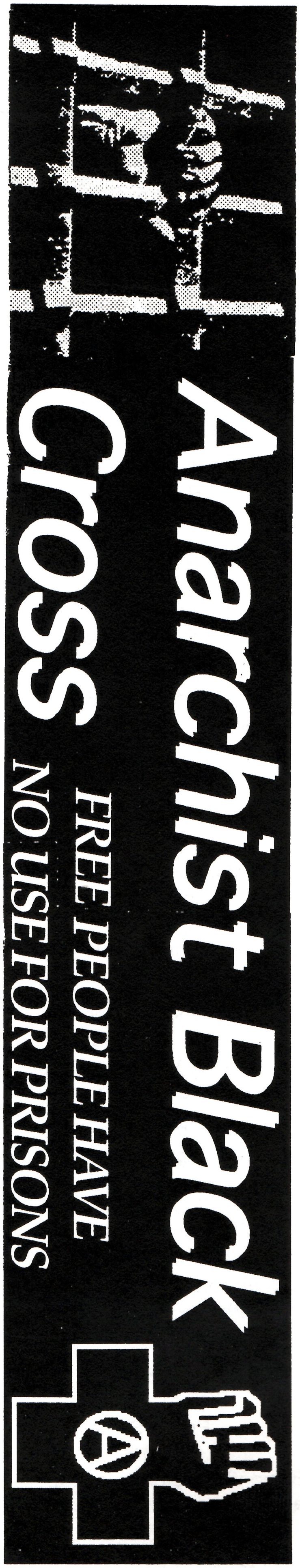
ABC Minneapolis
P.O. Box 581354
Minneapolis, MN 55458-1354

New Jersey ABC
P.O. Box 8532
Haledon, NJ 0708-8532

ABC Portland
c/o Rosebud Commons
1951 W. Burnside
Box 1928
Portland, OR 97209

ABC Wisconsin
P.O. Box 173
Madison, WI 53701-0173

Prison News Service
P.O. Box 5052, Stn. A
Toronto, ONT M5W 1W4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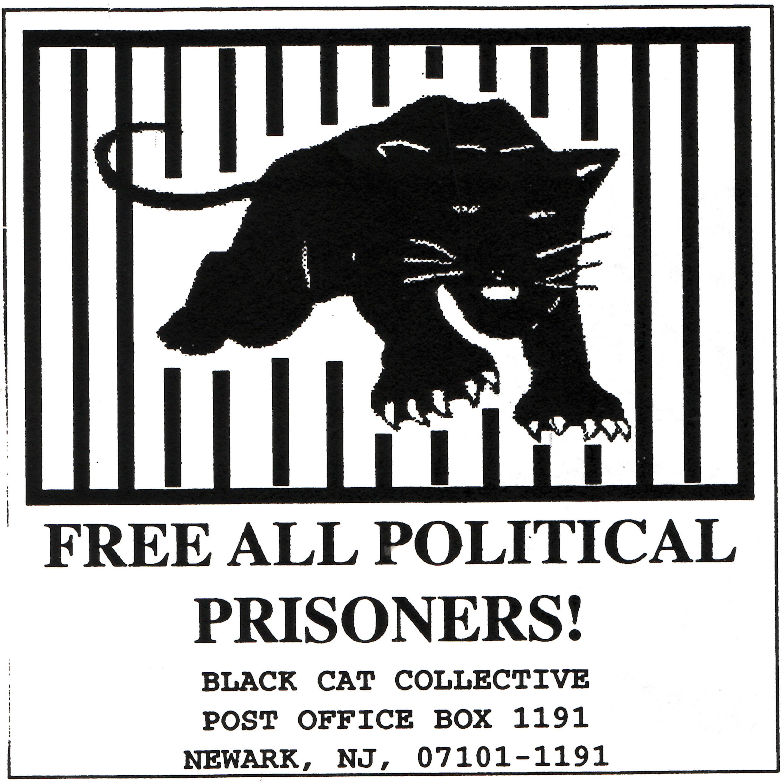

FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!

BLACK CAT COLLECTIVE
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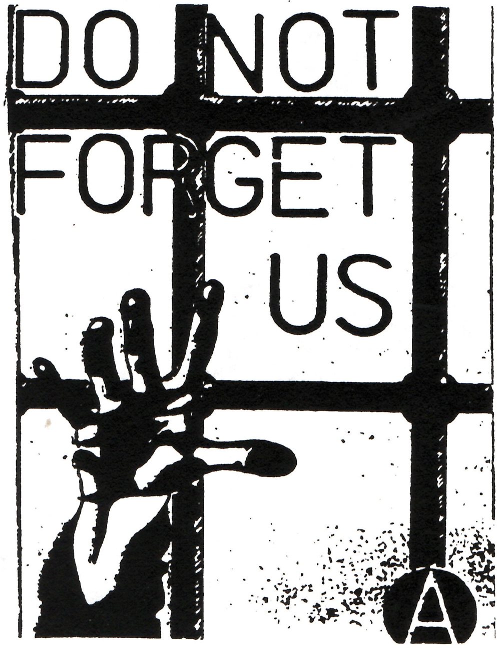

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Anarchist Black Cross Vancouver,
P.O. Box 2881, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 3X4
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Anarchist Black Cross New York,
P.O. Box 20521, Tompkins Sq. Stn., New York,
NY, 10009 USA

Anarchist Black Cross San Lorenzo
P.O. Box 215, San Lorenzo, CA, 94580 USA

Anarchist Black Cross Latino Americana,
P.O. Box 45-1208, Miami, FL, 33245 USA

Bulldozer
P.O. Box 5052, Stn.A, Toronto, Ont., M5W 1W4
Canada

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Box 475, 253 College St., Toronto, Ont.,
M5T 1R5 Canada

Saxifrage Group
P.O. Box 18717, Denver, CO, 80218 USA

Many Races Cultural Foundation
10 South Park Ave., Rockville Center, NY,
11570 USA

Research Committee On International, Law And
Black Freedom Fighters
P.O. Box 2085, Manhattanville Stn., New York,
NY, USA

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee
P.O. Box 583, Lawrence, KS, 66044 USA
Phone: (913) 842 5774

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown
343 S. Dearborn, Suite 1607, Chicago, IL, 60604
USA

Crossroad; A New Afrikan Captured
Combatant Newsletter
1340 W. Irving Park Rd., Suite 108, Chicago, IL,
60613 USA

Freedom Now!: Campaign for Amnesty and
Human Rights for Political Prisoners in the
U.S.A.National Office:, 59 E. Van Buren
#1400, Chicago, IL, 60605 USA

National Committee to Free Puerto Rican
Prisoners of War
P.O. Box 476698, Chicago, IL, 60647
USA

Nuclear Resister
P.O. Box 43383, Tucson, AZ, 85733
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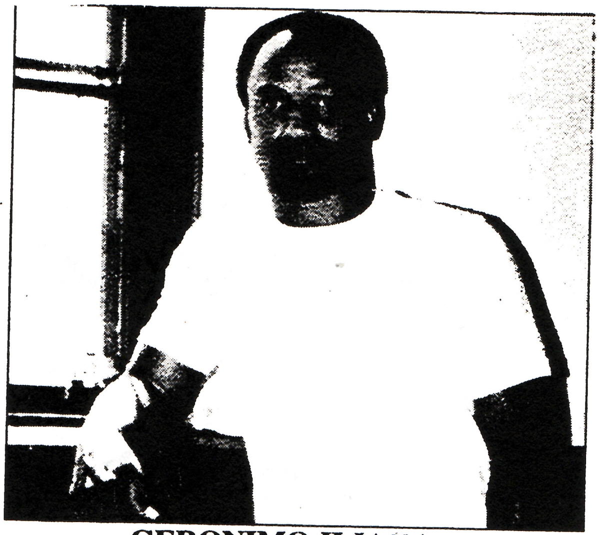
NEW AFRIKAN PRISONER OF WAR

SUNDIATA ACOLI AND SEKOU ODINGA

**Kuwasi Balagoon,
Anarchist Freedom Fighter,
1946-1986**



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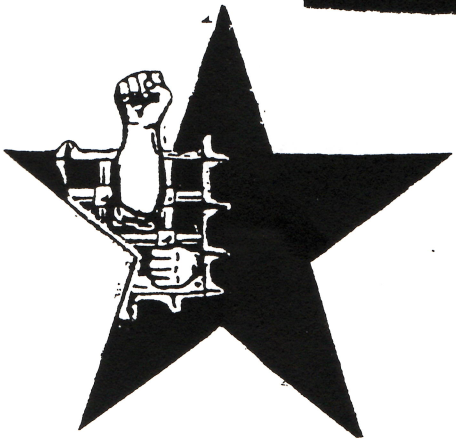


Free Ojore N. Lutalo

New Jersey Anarchist Freedom Fighter

Taken from Love & Rage Jan. '92 ABC page

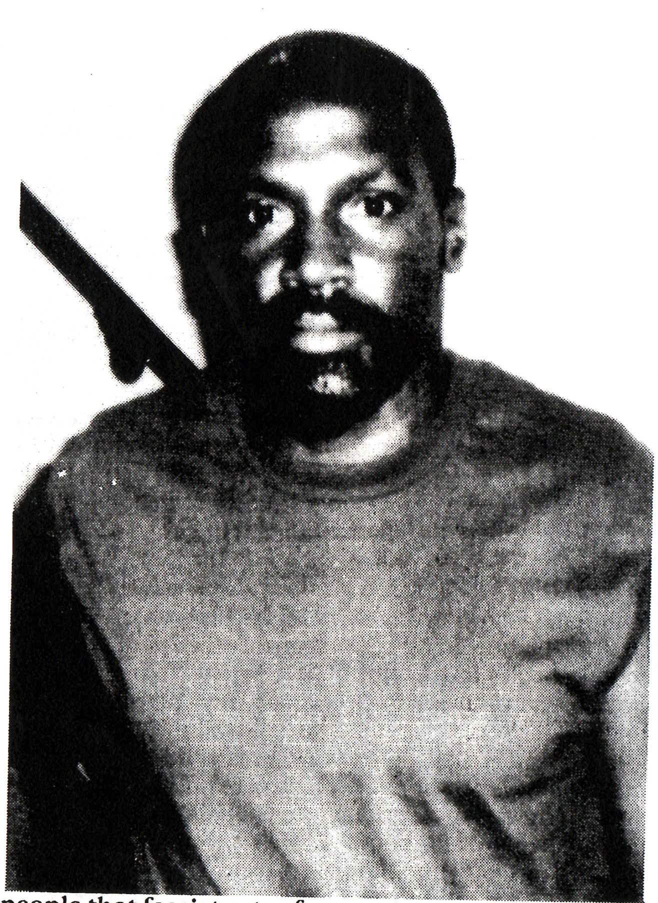
Ojore N. Lutalo is a New Afrikan Prisoner of War locked down in Trenton, New Jersey, for actions carried out in the fight for Black Liberation.

In Ojore's own words, he is "serving a parole violation sentence (we received 14 to 17 years) stemming from a 1977 conviction for expropriating monies from a capitalist state bank (in order to finance our activities) and engaging the political police in a gun battle in December 1975 in order to effect our departure from the bank, and to ensure success of the military operation..."

"After my parole violation term terminated in December 1987, I started serving a forty year sentence with a twenty year parole ineligibility (I was paroled in 1980, and I have been back in captivity since April 20, 1982) that I have received in 1982 for having a gun-fight with a drug dealer. The overall strategy of assaulting a drug dealer is to secure monies to finance one's activities, and to rid the oppressed communities of drug dealers."

Ojore was originally arrested with New Afrikan P.O.W. Kojo Bomani Sababu, and was struggling with comrade Andaliwa Clark up until the point that Andaliwa was killed in action within the confines of New Jersey's infamous Trenton State Prison after he shot two prison's security guards in the repressive Management Control Unit (M.C.U.) on January 19th, 1976 when they tried to stop him from escaping from captivity.

Ojore was a comrade of the late Kuwasi Balagoon, a New Afrikan anarchist P.O.W. "I've been involved in the struggle, the war against the fascist state since 1970. I've been an anarchist since 1975 without any regrets. Prior to my involvement in the struggle, I was just another apolitical lumpen (bandit) here in Amerika."



"I was... influenced and highly motivated by the Black Liberation Army (B.L.A.) here in Amerika. These sisters and brothers were New Afrikans just like me from the streets of the ghettos who took the initiative militarily, to start assassinating members of the state's security forces who were murdering black people in our communities. From the inception of all revolutions, I feel that the people need armed combat units to check state sponsored acts of terrorism by the government's security forces. In addition, I feel that these armed combat units are necessary to show the people that fascist acts of state-sponsored terrorism... will be responded to militarily. In 1975 I became disillusioned with Marxism and became an anarchist (thanks to Kuwasi Balagoon) due to the inactiveness and ineffectiveness of Marxism in our communities along with repressive bureaucracy that comes with Marxism. People aren't going to commit themselves to a life and death struggle just because of grand ideas someone might have floating around in their heads. I feel people will commit themselves to a struggle if they can see progress being made similar to the progress of anarchist collectives in Spain during the era of the fascist Bahamonde..."

Ojore is presently locked down in an M.C.U. in Trenton. "I'm encased in a cage of steel and concrete surrounded by high prison walls topped with gun towers and rows of razor wire while being watched by sadistic fascist pigs. Nevertheless, I'm not complaining because I have accepted revolution, witch is an armed struggle for me, and I have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity... The vast majority of the Prisoners of War and Political Prisoners now being interned here in the concentration camps of North Amerika aren't receiving any assistance (e.g.: being liberated, assistance in liberating ourselves, financial assistance needed to obtain food packages, winter clothing, reading material and postage stamps) from the so-called progressive revolutionary organizations, groups and individuals here in Amerika. With our talents, we have been abandoned here in the state's numerous concentration camps and our M.C.U.'s by those out there in what we call minimum custody..."

"We don't need moral support because we have purpose. We don't need anyone to tell us to stay strong because we are going to remain stead-fast anyway, because we have come to terms with the prospects of death and captivity."

The Paterson Anarchist Collective has been in close communication with our captured comrade Ojore. We have been doing our utmost in aiding him in every way possible at the present time and have been taking full advantage of his experience and advice in which he has confined to us.

He is partly responsible for the formation of the New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross, and has aided us in getting organized, sending anarchist/prison related literature and informing us of other anarchist political prisoners.

We fully plan to expand the ways in which we aid this revolutionary P.O.W. as our recourses and knowledge expand.

Anyone interested in contacting and aiding Ojore can reach him at:

Ojore N. Lutalo
#59860 M.C.U.
CN-861
Trenton, NJ
08625, U.S.A.

Harold Thompson In Need of Support

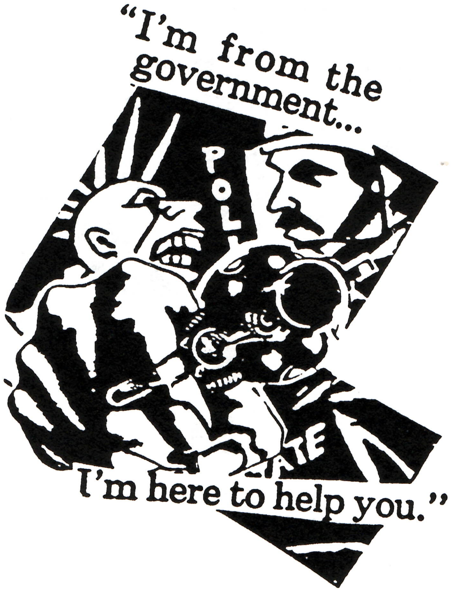
Harold Thompson, an anti-authoritarian prisoner in Tennessee, is being severely harassed by prison authorities. As a result of his legal work on behalf of other prisoners at the Lompos County Regional Correctional Facility in Tiptonville, TN, his cell was searched in February, several of his legal books were destroyed, and his papers were confiscated.

He filed a civil rights suit against Lompoc's assistant warden for the February search and confiscation of his legal materials. As a result of the suit, he has been transferred to the Western Tennessee High Security Facility in Henning, TN.

In addition to all of this, he has had run-ins with the Aryan Brotherhood in Henning because he does legal work for Black prisoners. To help please contact:

Brooklyn ABC c/o NY-AYF
PO Box 365 Canal St. Station
NY, NY 10013

LARRY GIDDINGS
Anti-Authoritarian
Political Prisoner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ATE
I'm here to help you."

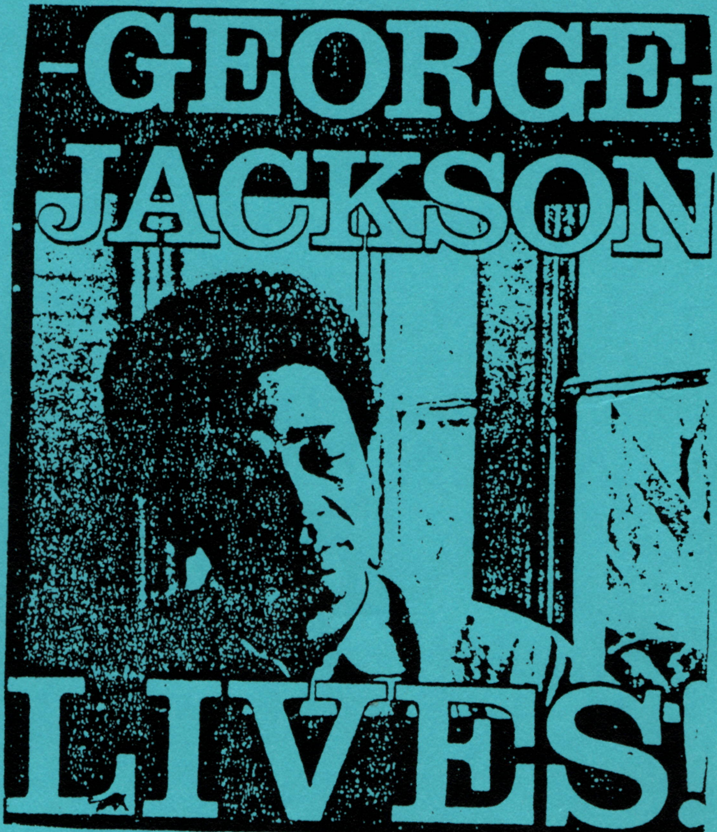
SUPPORTING CLASS WAR PRISONERS

NEVER FORGET THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF COMRADE GEORGE JACKSON!

Of all the political and revolutionary figures that I knew of when I was in prison, I was influenced most heavily by George Jackson, the revolutionary black prisoner and Field Marshal of the Black Panther Party. For myself and a generation of black and white prison activists, Gerge Jackson was the essence of a revolutionary in prison. He refused to submit, no matter what the odds or the suffering.

"Comrade George" as he was called by all prisoners, was a heroic, sometimes larger than life figure. Although in prison on a Life sentence, he never stopped struggling against the oppressive prison regime. Never compromised with the prison officials to curry favor or obtain early release.

He was a major black leader, deserving of the same adulation in death reserved for Dr. Martin Luther King or Malcolm X. This respect and appreciation for him will yet come, especially when this new generation finds out about him. Many of our major leaders have come out of prison, or in George's case organized and died in prison. George did not seek martydom any more than anyone else, he wanted to live, but under a free social system. He lived and breathed social revolution, and I believe that had he been released, he would have changed our history.



For me, Comrade George was a role model. I tried to carry myself during my years in prison in a way that would make him proud. I suffered many of the enemy's punishments just as I am sure George did, but I could withstand them more ably because of George. I also resisted collaboration and cooptation just as he did. A political prisoner had few role models, he was mine.

He was assassinated on August 21, 1971. Contrary to many, his death did not demoralize me because I understood although he did not want to make the supreme sacrifice in prison, he would have rather died fighting back or to reclaim his freedom than to passively be killed in his sleep or in the enemy's gas chamber.

George Jackson Lives!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

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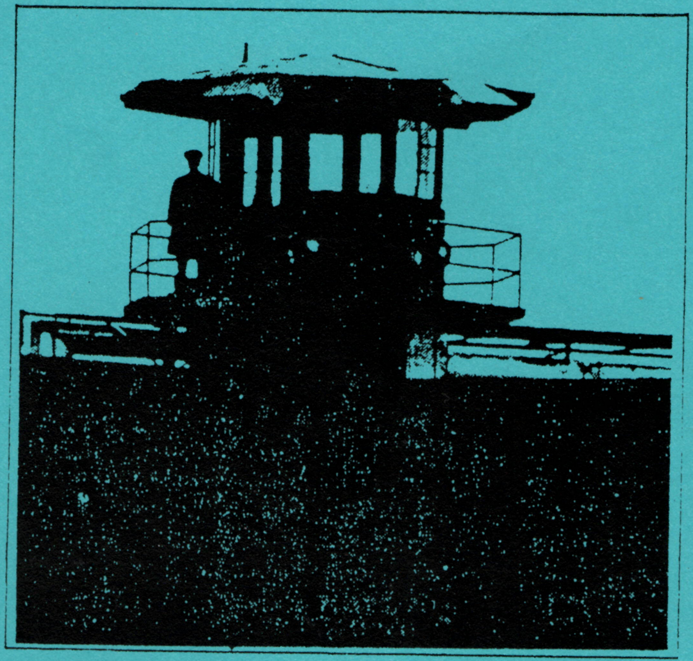

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